

Page 5, line 25, delete "as defined in claim 8";

Page 5, line 28, delete "as defined in claim 9";

Page 5, line 32, delete "as defined in claim 10";

Page 5, lines 36, delete "as defined in claim 11";

Page 6, line 2, delete "as defined in claim 12";

Page 6, lines 3-4, delete "according to any one of claims 6 through 11";

Page 6, line 10, delete "as defined in claim 13".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-20, and 29-32, and amend claims 24, 25, and 27 to read as follows:

24. An apparatus for surface treatment according to claim 23, wherein the means for promoting adhesion of the ClF_3 gas to the object to be processed is provided in the mount, the means for promoting adhesion thereby cooling the object to be processed on the mount.

25. An apparatus for surface treatment according to claim 24, wherein the means for activating the ClF_3 gas heats the object to be processed in a heating position at a distance from an object setting position of the object on the mount.

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27. A cluster device comprising: the apparatus for surface treatment according to claim 21, further comprising:

a transport chamber for maintaining a non-reactive atmosphere therein and for transporting an object to be processed in the non-reactive atmosphere to and from the apparatus for surface treatment; and

at least one processing apparatus for transporting the object to be processed to and from the transport chamber.

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